(xii) Due to paucity of funds, settlement of bills of private hospitals and diagnostic centres get delayed with the result that many private hospitals and diagnostic centres refused to extend credit facility to pensioner CGHS beneficiaries. To overcome the problem, it has been decided to engage Third Party Administrators (TPA) to processing of bills and release of payments electronically through a bank within a fortnight. After the bank makes the payment through electronic medium, it will lodge its claim in the CGHS to recoupment of the payments made. CGHS will then carry out medical audit of the bills passed for payment by the TPA.

(xiii) Two geriatric centres for CGHS beneficiaries have been set up at Timarpur and Janakpuri in Delhi.

(xiv) Instructions have been issued for CGHS beneficiaries to claim reimbursement of expenses from two sources, first from the insurance agency if the beneficiary had obtained mediclaim policy and then from the CGHS for the balance amount subject to the condition that the reimbursement from the two sources did not exceed the actual expenditure and also that reimbursement from CGHS will be limited to package rate fixed for the treatment.

Swine flu in school children

†3755. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether school children in Delhi are falling victim to Swine Flu/H1N1 virus and Government has failed to check the spread of infection;

(b) whether cases of infection of this virus in St. Columba's School in Delhi have reportedly been confirmed;

(c) if so, the details of schedule for sanitizing and quarantising the school complex/children respectively as per rules;

(d) the details of action taken in case of negligence; and

(e) by when the school was to be closed and the details of action taken in case of negligence?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes. Government has taken all steps to check the spread of infection among the school children in Delhi.

(b) One case of Pandemic Influenza A HINI infection has been confirmed in St Columba's School.

(c) The building was sanitized by the school with the assistance of local health authorities, the class section and its teachers/attendants were home quarantined for the remaining seven days period of incubation and provided preventive treatment etc. as per the guidelines.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) and (e) The class section in which the confirmed case studies, was closed for a period of five days. There is no act of negligence involved.

Recommendations of Valiathan Committee

3756. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is going to establish more AIIMS like institution in the country;

(b) if so, whether Health Minister would be presiding functionary of all AIIMS, instead of being President of individual AIIMS Institute Body;

(c) what are the recommendations of Valiathan Committee in this regard; and

(d) whether Government considers to accept the recommendations of this Committee in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes. Under the first phase of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY), six AIIMS-like institutions are being set up, one each in the States of Bihar (Patna), Chhattisgarh (Raipur), Madhya Pradesh (Bhopal), Orissa (Bhubaneshwar), Rajasthan (Jodhpur) and Uttaranchal (Rishikesh). In addition, Cabinet has approved the proposal in February, 2009 for setting up two AIIMS-like institutions, one each in the State of Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, in the second phase of Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana.

(b) The Governing structure for new AIIMS-like institutions has not yet been finalized.

(c) and (d) The Valiathan Committee with regard to AIIMS, New Delhi is under consideration of the Government.

Fundings for AIDS related programmes

3757. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether district awareness campaign on HIV/AIDS, 'Jiban Jindabad', 'the village resources centre' and the 'Red Ribbon Express Project' are successful in all States and who is funding these programmes, Central Government or State Governments; and

(b) the total budget allocation of the Union Government for prevention of HIV/ AIDS for the years 2007, 2008 and 2009?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes. National AIDS Control Organization, Department of AIDS Control, Ministry of Health and FW, New Delhi is funding "Jiban Jindabad" and "Red Ribbon Express" campaigns. The Village Resource Centres (VRCs) are being funded by Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO). The VRCs have been set up by ISRO in 22 States in association with partner agencies including NGOs, Trusts and few State Government agencies.